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Cc: Fagen, Elizabeth[Fagen.Elizabeth@epa.gov]
From: Schmittiel, Paula
Sent: Wed 5/13/2015 4:20:29 PM
Subject: RE: Animas River Sampling

Nice going – glad this could be worked out. I think you're right Dan – if we can get someone from TU to understand and see what we are doing, then we may be able to reach an understanding on common goals for the UA.

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From: Wall, Dan
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 8:59 AM
To: Sisk, Richard; Skipper, Sherry
Cc: Schmittiel, Paula; Fagen, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Animas River Sampling

Sherry is following up to get signatures from the FWS field office to complete the attached form. After our discussions with Andrea, I think this will suffice for TU's participation in our high flow event. Thanks for your help Richard and Sherry.

I think he will be a good fit and possibly an ally down the road (or at least he may be able to shed some light on why TU doesn't want EPA to clean up the Animas).

From: Jason Willis [<mailto:JWillis@tu.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 8:32 AM
To: Wall, Dan
Cc: Sherry Skipper
Subject: RE: Animas River Sampling

Hi Dan,

WOW, 100 locations. I see why you need the help now.

I do have experience with this type of work and I will have 3 high flow WQ sampling events already completed by June 8th so I should be fresh.

I also have the 40HR HAZWOPER training completed.

I could probably do a Monday – Wednesday as of now, with a possibility of Thursday. Attached is your agreement filled out and electronically signed. Not sure that it matters for the agreement, but I am actually a national TU employee and not local chapter member. My colleague and I commonly work on mine cleanup projects across the state with EPA, USFS, DRMS, and other agencies.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

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From: Wall, Dan [<mailto:wall.dan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 8:07 AM
To: Jason Willis
Cc: Sherry Skipper
Subject: RE: Animas River Sampling

Hi Jason

We are planning on arriving Monday afternoon for a short training, organizing teams and equipment and have a short health and safety briefing. The plan is to have 4 teams of 3 to sample ~100 locations for flows, water quality parameters and metals. I would like to have teams set up for the whole week but if you can't do that it would be preferable to have folks show up on Monday and leave early.

It sounds like you have experience with this type of work. Do you have the 40 hour hazwoper (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard) training?

We have gone to great lengths to acquire written permission from land owners for the do this sampling. This permission covers EPA and their representatives (contractors, other government agencies etc.) Since you are a private citizen you are technically trespassing if you accompany us. To get around this we request that you sign a volunteer agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (who will also be on the trip) for the week. I've attached a copy.

If this is a problem I understand but its how we have to do it.

Thanks for your consideration.

Dan

From: Jason Willis [<mailto:JWillis@tu.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 7:44 AM
To: Wall, Dan
Subject: RE: Animas River Sampling

Hi Dan,

I do have some availabilities that week as of now, although I might have to do some rearranging.

What days would you need me?

I can pretty much help out wherever you need me, flow meter, water sample collection, etc. I also have tapes, waders, field meter I can bring as well.

Thanks for getting back to me on this,

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From: Wall, Dan [<mailto:wall.dan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 11:45 AM
To: Jason Willis
Subject: Animas River Sampling

Hi Jason

You mentioned that you would like to participate in our sampling this summer at the last ARSG meeting. We will be in the field the week of June 8 sampling primarily above Silverton and could use a hand. Please let me know if you are still interested and hopefully we can work out the details – there is some paper work.

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